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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PFOR, TU

SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF INTERNAL GOT COMMUNICATIONS RE  
RESTRICTIONS ON US PERSONNEL

SUMMARY: SEPT 26 PAPERS CARRY EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER  
FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO MINISTRY OF CUSTOMS AND  
MONOPOLIES ARGUING FORCEFULLY FOR CONTINUED NATO/SOFA PROTECTION  
FOR U.S. PERSONNEL. INTENTION OF THIS LEAK, ACCORDING  
TO MFA SOURCE, IS TO SHOW THAT MFA HAS AIDED U.S. TO  
CIRCUMVENT "PROVISIONAL STATUS" RESTRICTITONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL TURKISH DAILIES SEPTEMBER 3 LETTER  
SIGNED BY MFA SECRETARY GENERAL ELEKDAG REPORTEDLY TOLD CUSTOMS  
MINISTRY THAT ITS AUGUST 4 CIRCULAR "IS CREATING UNNECESSARY  
DIFFICULTY FOR AMERICAN PERSONNEL." ARGUING ON OUR BEHALF,  
ELEKDAG NOTES THAT WHILE THE NATO/SOFA EXTENSION AND TAX  
EXEMPTION AGREEMENTS WERE ABROGATED, THE NATO/SOFA  
ITSELF IS STILL VALID AND GOVERNING. "IF THERE ARE NO CUSTOMS,  
FISCAL OR EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS," HIS LETTER CONTINUES,  
"TRANSFER OF GOODS AND AUTOMOBILES BETWEEN THE PERSONNEL  
ENJOYING EXEMPTIONS AND PRIVILEGES AND SPECIALLY COMING UNDER  
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THE PROVISIONS OF (THE NATO/SOFA)...SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO

FORMALITIES AS BEFORE FROM THE POINT THAT AMERICAN PERSONNEL STATIONED IN TURKEY SHOULD NOT BE FACED WITH UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES DURING THEIR TOUR OF DUTY IN TURKEY."

3. MUSTAFA ASUAL, MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, SPECULATED TO MSA COUNSELOR THIS MORNING THAT LETTER WAS LEAKED BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO BELIEVE THE MFA HAS BEEN "SOFT ON AMERICANS." ASULA POINTED OUT THAT SEPTEMBER 3 LETTER, WHICH WAS CLEARLY THE RESULT OF ONE OF OUR DEMARCHES ATTEMPTING TO UNBLOCK THE REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES TRANSFERRED BETWEEN PERSONNEL WITHIN TURKEY, IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL MFA COMMUNICATIONS OF THIS NATURE WHICH MIGHT BE LEAKED TO PRESS.  
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